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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE LABELING REACTANTS AND THEIR USE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Siri:

In response to the Patent Office Communication mailed January 8, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A labeling reactant of formula (I) suitable for labeling an oligonucleotide



characterized in that

R is a temporary protecting group such as 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl (DMTr), 4-methoxytrityl (MMTr), trityl (Tr), (9-phenyl)xanthen-9-yl (pixyl) or not present;

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